

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall in Freeman. President Blaine Saarie called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Charles Gering, Blaine Saarie, Tabitha Schoenwald, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Scott Brewer, Duane Walters and Carol Eisenbeis.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

Tjaden moved to approve the vouchers listed below. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

ACKERMAN HEATING, repair	330.98	ONE OFFICE, supplies	86.06
AFLAC, employee insurance	459.92	PERFORMANCE FOOD, resale	729.34
BARNES & NOBLE, library books	106.33	PITNEY BOWES, lease	143.55
BEAL DISTRIBUTING, beer	334.00	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	632.25
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	172.41	PORTA PROS, portable toilet rental	155.00
CHESTERMAN, drinks	234.00	REPUBLIC, liquor	540.54
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL, fire repair	530.04	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	389.06
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	225.60	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	6467.88
ELM USA, supplies	60.44	SD DANR, permit	250.00
FREEMAN LUMBER, supplies	18.20	SD DEPT OF LABOR, reemployment asst	267.84
FREEMAN REGIONAL HELATH, nursing staff	144.11	SD ONE CALL, locating	11.55
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	680.26	THE DESIGN TAB, printing	208.25
HERITAGE PHARMACH, amb supplies	652.39	TOTAL STOP, fuel	909.95
KEPPS, resale	304.00	VALLEY ELECTRIC, repair	436.74
MIDWEST ALARM, security	117.53	WELLMARK, health insurance	13996.06
OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	35.00		
		VOUCHER TOTAL	29629.28

Resolution of Approval – Lock N Leave It Storage, LLC

Tjaden spoke regarding the plat for Lock N Leave It Storage, LLC that was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Tjaden moved to approve the Resolution of Approval for the plat of Tract A of Block 7, Waltner Subdivision. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Finance Officer School

S. Waltner moved to allow Lisa Edelman to attend Finance Officer School in Pierre June 7-9, 2023. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Community Center Defibrillators

A request was presented to the council to purchase defibrillators for the community center. The council would like to see a couple quotes for 2 defibrillators for the community center. It was also recommended to look if there are any grants available.

Westward View Addition – Building Removal

Discussion was held on removing the City owned house and shed by the Westward View Addition. There was also discussion on removing the house south of City Hall.

Tractor Lease

S. Waltner moved to lease a tractor from C & B Operations for 2023. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Marketing & Development Report

The marketing & development report was given to the council.

Other Business

Saarie: Asked how the parking should be addressed on Main Street in front of AMPI – either parallel or eliminate several parking spaces to help with visibility on the corner of Main & Railway. The consensus was to eliminate some parking spaces at the corner. Stated that the drainage needs to be fixed at Stadium Dr & 9th St and the garbage needs to be emptied at the dog park. Informed the group that a burn ban is only when there is a red flag warning and is for the county.

Brewer: Asked what the plans were for the police car now that the new pickup is almost ready.

Walters: Stated that the generator will be serviced at the lagoon and he will be attending a mosquito spraying workshop this week.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:19 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Schoenwald declared out of executive session at 8:37 pm.

Hire Pool Personnel

Schoenwald moved to hire the following lifeguards: Ava Andersen at \$13.50/hour, Cami Fransen at \$13.50/hour, Peyton McCune at \$12.25/hour, Emily Mendel at \$12.25/hour, Savanna Timmerman at \$12.25/hour, Ella Waltner at \$12.25/hour, Kaytlin Pankratz at \$12.00/hour and Vaida Ammann at \$12.00/hour, as seasonal swimming pool personnel for the 2023 season contingent on getting their certification. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Tjaden moved to hire Lawns Unlimited to hydro seed, erosion matt and mulch the areas on Main Street and 3rd and 4th Streets that were removed from the Main Street reconstruction project in the amount of \$14,000.00. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Adjournment

Schoenwald moved to adjourn at 8:39 pm. S. Waltner seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Blaine Saarie, President